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On occasion "Seventh Anniversary" Soviet-Finnish 1948 Treaty, IZVESTIA article April 6 summarizes provisions relating Germany and non-participation signatories in unfriendly coalitions and stresses point that in situation being created by ratification and implementation Paris Agreements Treaty serves as "reliable guarantee" of peace in Northern Europe. Noting that Finland, unlike Norway, has preserved its sovereignty and that events since April last year (1956-1960 economic agreement, Molotov talks with Kekkonen last summer, exchange Parliamentary delegations, Soviet loan to Finland, and Mikoyan visit) have evidenced development of "friendship and good neighborliness" between both Governments, article says that "It is impossible, however, not to take into account" that past year was also notable for "numerous attempts of hostile forces" to hinder development Soviet-Finnish friendship often by "direct foreign interference" in internal affairs Finland and that certain Finnish circles are also striving to "disparage significance" of Treaty. Article emphasizes section from communique Molotov-Kekkonen negotiations dealing with "urgent necessity uniting efforts all Governments for securing peace and security" and concludes that vital interests USSR and Finland, as well as interests strengthening peace in Europe, urgently require both countries to further strengthen mutual friendship."

Article in TRUD on "strengthening friendship between workers both countries reviews progress in mutual cooperation without referring to recent "interference" in internal affairs Finland and makes similar point that Treaty is "reliable guarantee" of peace in Northern Europe and that it acquires "special significance" at present time "when Western powers have taken open course in direction rebirth German militarism."

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